

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 transferred the functions of the D.C. Parole Board to the Commission. By transferring the Commission's work on D.C. Code offenders back to the District, the federal government would save money with enactment of this bill.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE TERRONEZ

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Terronez the first Mexican-American Mayor in the State of Illinois and long-time Silvis City Council Member.

Joe was born February 15, 1929 in a boxcar in the Silvis yards, the son of Benito and Felisa Anguiano Terronez. He married Rebecca Herrera on November 6, 1948, and together they had 8 children. As a devout Catholic and lifelong member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Joe was always a strong member of the community. Joe attended Silvis public schools and proudly graduated from United Township High School in 1947. He was employed by International Harvester Company in East Moline as a repairman and retired in 1984 after 33 years. Throughout his lifetime he was a member of several religious, labor, political, and civic organizations and was most proud to work with veterans. He was an Honorary member of the Mexican American Veterans Association (MAVA) and Hero Street Memorial Committee. He was also a proud union member and loyal to the Democratic Party. His love of family, faith, and community were most important through his life. He served the City of Silvis and his community for 30 years—26 years as First Ward Alderman and four years as Mayor. Joe was honored to be the first elected Hispanic Mayor in the State of Illinois. He worked tirelessly in the re-naming of 2nd Street in Silvis, Illinois to "Hero Street, USA" and establishing "Hero Street Memorial Park", a living memorial to the eight Mexican Americans from Hero Street and all the heroes from Silvis. I thank him for his life of service to his community and honor his legacy.

It is because of leaders such as Joe Terronez that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize and honor the life of former Silvis Mayor, Joe Terronez.

#### IN MEMORY OF JOYCE C. HEARN

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, South Carolina cherishes the service of Joyce C. Hearn who was devoted to the citizens of South Carolina. She served as the Campaign Manager for the late Chairman Congressman Floyd Spence and was crucial in building the new Republican Party with no

elected Republicans, which in 2020 established the largest Republican majorities at all levels of government in 140 years.

JOYCE C. HEARN

[Jan. 20, 2021]

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.—A family only graveside service for Joyce C. Hearn will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Elmwood Cemetery. There will also be a livestream of the service on Dunbar Funeral Home—Devine's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DunbarDevine](https://www.facebook.com/DunbarDevine).

The Honorable Joyce C. Hearn died Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Born in Cedartown, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late J.C. Camp and Carolyn Carter Camp. At age 16, she enrolled at West Georgia College, where she met her future husband, Thomas H. Hearn. She transferred to the University of Georgia and graduated with a Bachelors in Education from Ohio State University. After graduation, they moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where she taught at Eau Claire High School.

She was most proud of her service to the people of South Carolina. She entered public life working with the 1970 Census, rising through the ranks to become both North and South Carolina's Director of the U.S. Census. She was active in the S. C. Republican Party until her retirement in 2015, working tirelessly to elect Republicans. She championed every Republican presidential candidate from Barry Goldwater to George W. Bush.

She was involved in every aspect of elective life. She began as a party volunteer in Richland County; by 1972, she was Chair of the Richland County Republican Party. From there she went into elective office, representing District 76 in the South Carolina Legislature from 1975 to 1990. In her first race, she was described by The State newspaper as a "housewife" who was just running as a placeholder until a real candidate could be found. But she was never a placeholder. In subsequent elections, The State described her victories as "landslides" or once, when she had a 40% lead over a local attorney, an "earthquake."

For years, Representative Hearn was the only woman in the S. C. Legislature, but she was always a force that could not be overlooked. Well respected by her peers, she was named assistant minority leader from 1976 to 1978 and 1987–1989. From that position she worked tirelessly to protect the rights of crime victims. Her work to expand the prosecution of rape to include degrees of criminal sexual assault has changed the way the South Carolina public views rape, giving hope to all victims of domestic violence.

In 1990, Gov. Carroll Campbell appointed Representative Hearn to be Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Afterwards, at a time when many of her colleagues were retiring, she began a second career in public relations with her own company Hearn & Associates, until her final retirement in 2014.

She was a woman of many interests. She was a founder of the National Order of Women Legislators, which to this day provides a national forum for women's networking across all state legislatures. In 1979, Gov. Edwards awarded her the Order of the Palmetto for her many contributions to South Carolina. She was active in many diverse organizations, such as the Boards of the Columbia Urban League, the Federation of the Blind, Columbia College, and many others.

She also served on the board of the Columbia Museum. Many associations named her Legislator of the Year; the Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the S.C. Association of Disabled Citizens, and the S.C. Committee on Sexual Assault, to name a few. She re-

ceived the 1985 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Distinguished Service Award for her work regarding Open Containers and raising the drinking age to 21. Representative Hearn served as chairman of the National Advisory Commission on Occupational Safety and Health.

First and foremost, she loved her family; she was a devoted mother and grandmother, always there in time of need. She also loved golfing at Frapp Island (she was an avid fan of Tiger Woods) and playing Bridge with her friends. She was a jokester and highly competitive, making every game fun for all. She was a winner at everything she did.

Representative Hearn was a member of Kathwood Baptist Church and a Sunday school regular.

Surviving are her daughters, Terri Hearn Bailey (Joseph Stan), Kimberly H. Johnson of Columbia, and C. Lee Hearn Becker (Karl) of Manassas, VA. She has six grandchildren, Carter Reston Potts, Joyce Carolyn "Josie" Bailey (Sudesh Kalyanswamy), Ruth Elisabeth "Lisa" Bailey, and Sarah Hearn Bailey, as well as Jason Thomas Becker and Daniel Gustav Becker. She was so looking forward to Sarah's upcoming marriage to Christopher Michael Siercks on February 13. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Harry Hearn.

Memorials may be made to Kathwood Baptist Church, 4900 Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29206. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family. Memorials may be shared at [www.dunbarfunerals.com](http://www.dunbarfunerals.com).

#### VETERAN OF THE MONTH—TERRY HILL

#### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's January Veteran of the Month, Terry Hill.

A Medical Evacuation Pilot in the United States Army, Terry Hill honorably served our nation for thirteen years. Upon returning home from service, Terry started Rapid Application Group, an Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Company centered around Additive Manufacturing Technology.

During his service in the United States Army, Hill was involved with several life saving missions and led his fellow soldiers diligently. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Order of Saint Michael, and he is a recipient of the General McArthur Award for Leadership Representative. In addition, his company is a two-time recipient of the AAAA Aviation Maintenance Company of the Year award. Through his service, he demonstrated the highest levels of integrity, moral character, and servant leadership.

In addition to starting Rapid Application Group, Hill founded the RAG Friday Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers veterans support and job training to help the transition into civilian life. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Terry Hill as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's January Veteran of the Month.

COMMENDING AND THANKING THE  
VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD FOR  
THEIR SERVICE

**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the Virginia National Guard—especially those from Virginia's Seventh Congressional District. Members of the Virginia National Guard serve their country and their communities on a daily basis. Over the past months, the Virginia National Guard has deployed with little notice and often for longer than originally expected. I want to thank and honor the Virginia National Guard for its expeditious deployment after the violent, deadly attack on the United States Capitol and assault on American democracy on January 6, 2021 and for their service since then to maintain security. Members of the Virginia National Guard also played a key role in protecting an essential American tradition—the peaceful transfer of power. I truly appreciate the members of the Virginia National Guard for their service before, during, and after the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. as the 46th President of the United States and KAMALA D. HARRIS as the 49th Vice President of the United States.

The Virginia National Guard's willingness and readiness to serve is particularly appreciated given the existing, significant strains on the Guard and on all Virginians. In addition to their service in Washington, D.C., I would like to recognize and honor the Virginia National Guard's instrumental role in assisting with the COVID-19 response in the Commonwealth as well as its continuing training and deployment schedules. We must all recognize that the Virginia National Guard has continued to serve the United States overseas, and continued to prepare for forthcoming needs, while also deploying to serve American communities during a global pandemic and serve our nation in the face of threats at home. Additionally, we cannot overlook the commitment and contributions not only of the members of the Guard themselves, but also of their families, employers, and communities who make their service possible.

CONGRATULATING WHBF-TV FOR  
BEING NAMED 2020 MEDIUM MAR-  
KET TV STATION OF THE YEAR  
BY THE ILLINOIS BROAD-  
CASTERS ASSOCIATION

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize WHBF-TV for being named 2020 Medium Market TV Station of the Year by the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

The Illinois Broadcasters Association is the leading advocate for the broadcast industry in Illinois and is engaged in shaping public policy to create a positive legislative and regulatory environment for its members. They award TV stations who are the best at what they do, and they have named WHBF-TV the best of the

medium market TV stations in Illinois. As a former journalist, I understand the importance of local media and the prestige carried by this award. I commend WHBF-TV for the work that they do to inform the public and create a positive work environment.

It is because of community leaders such as WHBF-TV that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate WHBF-TV for receiving the 2020 Medium Market TV Station of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING MS. BRIANA  
MC CREARY AS THE ESCAMBIA  
COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Briana McCreary as the Escambia County Teacher of the Year. For eight years, Ms. McCreary has served Montclair Elementary School with talent, passion, and an unwavering commitment to serving her students.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. McCreary has performed her teaching duties exceptionally, while also being an active and supportive member of her community.

Ms. McCreary attended Florida A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She later attended the University of West Florida and earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

Her support and outreach extend far beyond the walls of her classroom through her involvement in outreach programs, such as SheCounts. Ms. McCreary has served as the Director of this afterschool program since August of 2019. The program is for female students in grades three through five and is focused on improving their confidence and skills in mathematics and STEM courses. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most—the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of her admirable contributions to our community, I am truly proud to have Ms. McCreary as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Briana McCreary for her many accomplishments, and her commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, and collaboration in the Escambia County School District. I thank her for her service, and wish her all the best for her continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 99TH  
BIRTHDAY OF ETHEL KLEPIEN  
CISZEWICZ

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ethel Klepien Ciszewicz on the occasion of her 99th birthday.

Mrs. Ciszewicz was born on January 27, 1922. She was raised in Detroit, Michigan by her mother who worked to provide for Ethel and her three siblings after her father passed away when she was four years old. As a young woman, she loved to dance and would take the streetcar two to three times per week to take part in dances at Detroit's famous dance halls.

During World War II Ethel worked at Woodall Industries as a buckler in the welding process for airplane cowlings. As a Rosie the Riveter, Ethel's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women. Ethel's service to our country did not stop once she left the factory. At the end of the war as soldiers were returning home to their jobs, she joined the US Army Women's Army Corps where she rose to the rank of Sargent.

After the war ended, she married John who served in the Navy and together they had three children. After employment at various factories, the joy she found in cleaning led her to become a housekeeper at the Georgian Inn in Roseville, where she worked for a decade. At the Inn, her outstanding work ethic made her highly requested among guests. A proud Rosie, even now she has remained an active member of our community. Ethel's lifelong commitment to service reminds us all of the impact that the Rosies have had on our state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Ethel Klepien Ciszewicz on her 99th birthday. I join with Ethel's family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING  
LARRY SPENCE

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2021*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Larry Spence as he retires as sheriff of Willacy County.

Sheriff Spence's interest in law enforcement began at an early age in his hometown of Clinton, Indiana where he was a patrol boy, and culminated in his service to the safety and security of over 20,000 fellow Texans.

In 1966 he joined the Air Force and served on its police force in California, Illinois and South Vietnam, where he helped secure his base during the Tet Offensive. After he returned home in 1968, he took a job as a patrolman in his hometown of Clinton and married Maria Reyes, a Raymondville Texas native with whom he had a son, Gary. After six